

KAREN HORNADAY PARK COMMITTEE
MEETING – April 4, 2013

Co-Chair Ralph Broshe called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

In attendance: Deb Lowney, Marti McCleery, Phil Needham, Deb Cox, Miranda Weiss and Trish Lillibridge (toward the end of the meeting).

Agenda for the current meeting and approval of minutes from the March 7th, 2013 meeting were approved.

Visitors in attendance: Calvin Ralph with Church on the Rock
Playground/KHP clean-up organization for 2013

Most of the evening's discussion focused around the KHP clean-up day scheduled for May 4th from 9-4. A walk through with Angie/Church on the Rock and some KHP committee members is scheduled for April 12th prior to clean-up day. Deb Cox voiced concern that May 4th is also Homer clean-up day and hoped that it would not hinder the volunteer effort for KHP.

Calvin mentioned that a BQ will be provided by his organization but asked if Hopp might be able to help with provisions. Deb Lowney mentioned that Parks & Rec may also be able to provide some financial assistance.

A concern was expressed, since Church on the Rock had various clean-up projects on the same day, that there was no one to "head-up" the KHP project. Calvin responded that he had a call in to Ralph Crane to see if he would be interested in taking the lead for KHP. Deb Cox and Miranda were happy with that choice since Ralph Crane worked on the playground project.

Note: The following discussion regarding the roofing of the bathrooms took place at different times throughout the meeting and is combined below.

The question was raised as to what supplies are leftover from the playground project as far as paint is concerned, we will have to check with Angie at Public Works. If there is an abundance of paint left over then it may be possible to use some of the paint to repaint the bathrooms tying it into the playground. Phil mentioned that the bathrooms really could use a new roof (green metal) and that maybe it could happen on the day of the clean-up with volunteers. Miranda stated that they could probably get an experienced roofer (Hopp contact) to volunteer to head up that project. Phil stated that he could supply a dumpster and get the needed materials up to the park. Money for the materials for the new roof was brought up; it was suggested by Deb Lowney to check with Angie to see if the City would provide the money needed. Phil thought that the materials needed should be under \$1000.

At that point it was discussed that a "punch list/wish list" would be a good idea and that the list should be extensive including but not limited to the playground. It was also mentioned that team captains might also be a good idea for various sections of the park, i.e. a Little League captain, a playground captain, a captain for the bathroom roof, etc.

Another idea was to have the clean-up crew possibly work on a trail parallel to Fairview. Deb Lowney stated that she may be able to push through a trail with Parks & Rec but later stated that a trail around the whole park may be part of the Land and Water grant.

In closing to KHP/playground clean-up day, Hopp has offered to send out an e-mail request to all their prior playground volunteers asking for volunteers for clean-up day on May 4th.

Staff & Committee Reports

It was noted that Carey Meyer has yet to report the cost breakdown on the structural design of the new pavilion.

Pending Business

A. Installation of new playground equipment:

Deb Cox reported that the new piece of equipment that Hopp would like to have installed is a "net climber". This piece of equipment can be quite large and the area available for use has yet to be determined. It was mentioned that the Kenai Municipal Park has one of these units and it is quite nice. The size could take up to as much as a 40 foot square footprint although it is unclear as to whether the "use zone" measurement is the actual footage required or just recommended. Deb Cox will research further.

It was again mentioned that a scaled layout of the park and its structures would be very helpful in determining placement and size restrictions. Without size availability, the net climber has been temporarily put on hold.

B. Little League building use update:

Phil reported that a walk about with Robert Archibald, Angie Otteson, himself and Kathy Beachy produced a list of input regarding the improvements to KHP that might affect Little League. There was not much discussion except about the concrete shed. By adding a couple layers of block to the walls of the shed raising the height of the structure, a new concrete floor could be poured at an elevation higher than ground level eliminating the drainage issues that are currently present. The list created from that meeting will be forwarded to Parks & Rec.

Miscellaneous Items of Discussion

- A. Park host update- it was reported that a sight has been designated for the park host and that the city has a candidate. Work will commence using funds from the Land & Water grant.
- B. The alders in back of the ball field have been cut back and some hauled away.
- C. The Youth Core group mentioned in last month's meeting has prior commitments but may still be able to do trash pick-up.
- D. Deb Lowney reported that KHP has been awarded the Land and Water Conservation Grant and that the City has vowed to match those funds. This \$150,000 has been specifically designated to drainage issues, campground improvements and a possible trail surrounding the park. Hopefully this grant money will help address the drainage issue on the hillside.
- E. Delay on the move of the old pavilion has created a delay on the start of the new pavilion. The flooring has yet to be determined for the new pavilion but Public Works is gravitating to a concrete slab.
- F. Deb Lowney reported that the half circle rock seating area around the fire pit is cost prohibitive, therefore an alternative source of seating is needed. Deb Lowney recommended matching the seating that's in the playground or just wood benches. Phil had a great idea to have wood benches with a 2' chain attached, that way you could move the bench forward or backward depending on the heat/smoke factors.
- G. Miranda mentioned that a branch of the Rotary club is interested in donating money (from a possible Grant) to the playground. Miranda had the idea that we may be able to get them to donate to the "pavilion cause" instead, possibly the seating around the fire pit?
- H. Deb Lowney reminded us for Renee that we need to be mindful of the areas that are utilized for the Highland Games when planning park renovations.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.